





# THE HERALD

PONOKA, ALBERTA.

## A REAL TALKING MACHINE.

An Invention Which Itself Speaks. Not a Talking Machine.

A remarkable creation in mechanical invention has just been achieved by Dr. Marage, who has succeeded in constructing a machine that can utter words distinctly and in five vowels—*a, e, i, o, u.*

It is a remarkable invention that has been made at this time, it is only now that success has been attained, and before long we may expect to have a machine that will talk.

Of course, the phonograph is not a talking machine, because it merely gives out recorded voices that have already been made upon a cylinder by an actual human voice. Dr. Marage's machine, however, creates the vowel sounds at first hand.

This machine has been constructed so as to represent the movements of a person's mouth, while pronouncing the different vowels, using the plastic substance employed by dentists.

These movements are made of plaster Paris, and are fitted by wires giving the appropriate movements. Dr. Marage's machine then sets his machine in operation and the vowels are produced systematically.

Dr. Marage purposes to modify the steam engines used on shipboard so that they will receive the sound waves. Thus different phonetic syllables may be obtained which may be used for an international alphabet.

Another important application of this remarkable process can be found in the construction of ear trumpets that will not fatigue the deaf, because they will be constructed of the grouping of oscillations adapted to the ear. Dr. Marage has also constructed the "Acoustometer," a type of sound of the vowel "a" for example, which may be used as a standard, in which certain other sounds may be measured.

There are far greater possibilities for this soft-sounding mechanism than for the ear trumpet at this time. Now that it is possible to make exact mechanical representations of the human body, the possibilities are perfect, and all the wonderful mechanical mechanism, it would be possible to make a model of the human body on a magnified scale on steamships at night and in fog, and many disasters may thereby be averted.

At present, Dr. Marage is engaged in perfecting his invention by studying particularly those words in the production of which the class of phonetic syllables play a part. In this direction he feels he has not yet achieved perfection.—London Express.

## Defense Against House-Plants.

"Keep the house and summer-cottage clean and well aired if you want to keep out pests," writes Maria Parrot, in "The Ladies' Home Journal." "Do not keep kitchen garbage, wet cleaning-cloths, dishcloths or towels in the house. Wash clothes and linens every day, wash and dry all cleaning-clothes every day. Keep carpets in the sun, scrub them well, wash them, brush them, turn them. Fill all the cracks in walls and floors. Wash floors, closets and drawers with boiled water. Unwelcome visitors appear in any part of the house use a strong solution of borax, turn it into a paste and rub it into cracks and grooves; five ounces of water to one of carbonic crystals."

## Spring Cleaning.

The house is cleaned with a speed of considerably over twenty miles an hour. For short distances the salmons can outstrip the house-plant, but over the twenty-five miles an hour with ease. The Spanish mackerel is one of the fastest of fish, but the salmon is the general, a yacht. Predator fishes are general the fastest swimmers.

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The seedy looking man is probably ready to admit that all flesh is grass.

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## YEARS OF SUFFERING

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## HOW RELIEF CAME TO THOMAS FINDLAY, OF PETROIA.

He Had Suffered for Forty Years From Dyspepsia—Food Became Detestable and Stomach Cramps Made Life a Burden.

From the Topic, Petreia, Ont. Few men in Petreia are better known than Mr. Thomas Findlay, who has been here for forty years. In 1862 Mr. Findlay came here, and before the railroad came with his wife and two children, a coach, bringing the early men. When the railroad came Mr. Findlay was a man of business, but later he suffered from a gun accident, that disabled his hands perfectly, so that he could not work. He was a reporter for the town, which office he held during thirty years. In 1882 he was elected to the town council, and was re-elected for many years. Mr. Findlay's worst misfortune, from early youth he had been subject to dyspepsia, which became so bad that he looked forward to death as a merciful release.

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## AMONG HIS ORCHIDS.

Colonel Secretary El. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., has a fine collection of these beautiful flowers.

Mr. Chamberlain is one of the few British legislators who spend the Parliamentary recess at home. His residence is at Moseley, Birmingham, where lies the garden that the Colonial Secretary loves.

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In the gallery hang two pictures of particular interest, one a portrait of Mr. Gladstone, the other a portrait of John Millais, the other a portrait of the Colonial Secretary by the same famous artist.

The Highgate library is probably one of the best collections of foreign books to be found in any house in Britain; but it is rather in his garden that his books lie. There is a library in the conservatory, and books are scattered about in every nook and corner.

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### Ponoka Churches.

PROTESTANT. Services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. afternoons. Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Christian Endeavor at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings. All cordially invited. Dr. A. Max. Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF Ponoka. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. afternoons. Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Prayer meeting 8:00 p.m. on Friday evenings. The public cordially invited. Dr. F. Phillips. Pastor.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Services held second Sunday in each month at 10:30 a.m.

PAUPERIST. Services in school house every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC. Services in the school house at 10:30 a.m. in the first Sunday in each month.

### Paternal Orders.

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We have this year made arrangements with the Club the Non-Sweat Farmers and Western Home Monthly with the HERALD at a combined price of \$1.25.

### Wood Wanted.

I want all the dry poplar or spruce wood I can get. Will pay \$1.00 per cord in pole lengths delivered at my saw near the depot. We are now prepared to receive wood in large or small quantities.

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RED DEER, ALTA.

A dancing party is to be given at the Tyne Bros' store tonight.

J. D. McGillivray and G. W. Herrick drove to Wetaskiwin Monday.

Last week we reported a temperature of 72 degrees zero. This week we are enabled to report a regular frost of 76 for the first three days of the week.

John Huber's artistic hand executed a new sign on Mc Kinney's store this week and now DRUGS greets the eye still who look in that direction.

A new school district is undergoing the usual course of road tap of organization in the W. A. Martin neighborhood in township 43 and 44.

C. C. Case is playing the role of butcher out on his homestead, while Uncle Wm. Huber is in charge of the butcher shop. Pat seems to enjoy the change.

Many a bright smile gleamed from the face of the small school boy as bright and early Monday morning he would his way for the first time to Ponoka's new school house.

A. E. Batties was down from his farm north of town Monday and favored us with a pleasant visit and an advance subscription. He is one of those former Nebraskans who never saw a winter to equal this.

The official audit of the books of the local improvement and school districts of this section show all these civil organizations to be in a very flourishing financial condition.

Many of them having good balance to their credit, with which to enter upon the new year.

The preliminary hearing of C. B. Belcher charged with the murder of Leon Stanton is being held before Insy. Belcher of Wetaskiwin this week. A large number of witnesses are being examined and the case will occupy all this week. Harry H. Robertson, of Edmonton, appears for the defense.

Mrs. Spackman has had full charge of the village school this week. Miss Adelheid Jechels, of Okotoks, Alta., who has been engaged as principal, arrived yesterday, and it's expected the teachers will have the pupils graded and each department in charge of its own teacher by Monday morning.

The many friends of J. R. Farmer will be pleased to hear him, particularly to hear that he has been honored with the eminent position of assistant to the Rev. Dr. Alexander White, who is the most prominent divine in Scotland. Mr. Farmer is a brilliant young man and we may reasonably expect to hear of still greater achievements by him as soon as he has finished his theological course.

Not long since a weary and care worn tramp called at the kitchen door of a plain housewife for his lodgment. The good woman gave the man a crust of bread and in tones more simonizing than earnest said "Not for your sake nor for my sake, but for Christ's sake do I give you this," whereupon the tramp promptly replied, "Not for your sake nor for my sake, but for Christ's sake put a little butter on it."

A very small representation was out to the annual school meeting Tuesday. Perhaps if the meeting had been more generally known a larger number of ratepayers would have been out. True the notices were posted according to law, but a number of voters have since said they had never seen the notices. Through the local paper is the most effective way of reaching the people at a trifling expense. At the meeting on Tuesday Cook Meyer was re-elected trustee. The bairn was authorized to dispose of the old school property to what they consider to be the best advantage.

### Social.

There will be a social and cultural evening at the new Pleasant Hill school house near Morinville on Wednesday evening, January 22, to which all are most cordially invited. Program will consist of music of all kinds, recitations, etc. and a good time is guaranteed to all who attend. Come and get acquainted and help us open our new school house. Ladies will bring baskets. There will be a charge of 25 cents for gentlemen, proceeds to be used for school library. Let us elect Committee.

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